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SUBJ: VISIT OF CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SUMMARY: CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAUL ROA VISITED HUNGARY AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 7 AT INVITATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA. HE WAS RECEIVED BY HSWP FIRST SECRETARY KADAR, PRESIDENT LOSONCZI, AND PREMIER FOCK. MOST OF ROA'S TIME WAS SPENT VISITING TOURIST SITES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS BUT MEDIA DID REPORT THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL EXTENSIVE MEETINGS DEALING WITH BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IN RADIO INTERVIEW ROA DENOUNCED U.S. BLOCKADE, SAYING CUBA WOULD NOT COMMENCE TALKS WITH U.S. UNTIL IT IS ENDED. ADDED CUBA WOULD NEVER RE-ENTER OAS.
END SUMMARY.

2. COMMUNIQUE STRESSED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES
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WERE "SUCCESSFULLY DEVELOPING ON BASIS OF SOCIALIST INTER-

NATIONALISM" AND THAT WORLD BALANCE OF POWER CHANGING TO

"ADVANTAGE OF SOCIALISM". "IMPERIALISTS" WERE BLAMED FOR CARRYING OUT "FASCIST PUTSCH IN CHILE" AND WERE CONDEMNED FOR "ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RULE OVER LATIN AMERICA". GOH DECLARED THAT "ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BLOCKADE AND OTHER HOSTILE ACTIVITIES AGAINST SOCIALIST CUBA MUST BE TERMINATED". COMMUNIQUE THEN CARRIED USUAL DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR "HEROIC PEOPLE OF VIETNAM", PATRIOTS OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA, NORTH KOREA, PALESTINIAN ARABS, AND THOSE CYPRIOTS FIGHTING FOR THEIR "SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY".

3. ROA WAS INTERVIEWED ON RADIO BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. REGARDING U.S. "BLOCKADE" HE SAID, "IT IS FIRM AND FINAL STAND OF OUR COUNTRY NOT TO CONDUCT DIALOGUES WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT UNTIL IT LIFTS ITS ILLEGAL AND EVIL BLOCKADE. THIS WE WILL MAINTAIN UNTIL THE VERY END. THUS IT CANNOT BE EXPECTED THAT OUR GOVERNMENT WILL START TALKS WITH U.S. UNTIL UNJUST SITUATION HAS ENDED." HE ALSO STATED THAT CUBA "WILL NEVER RETURN TO THE OAS". HE SAID CUBA WOULD, HOWEVER, SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF ONLY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

4. CONCERNING U.S. VICE PRESIDENT, ROA SAID THAT "ROCKEFELLER'S PAST CANNOT BE CALLED ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE. AFTER ALL, HE BELONGS TO THOSE AMERICANS WHO HAVE LARGEST CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. THUS IT COULD BE LOGICALLY ASSUMED THAT IT IS HIS SUPREME WISH TO PROTECT THEM (INVESTMENTS)."

5. VISIT DID NOT CREATE MUCH OF A STIR IN HUNGARY, IN PART BECAUSE IT COINCIDED WITH HIGHLY PUBLICIZED 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET-HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT. GOH DID, HOWEVER, GIVE A MODERATE AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY TO ROA'S COMINGS AND GOINGS, THEREBY DEMONSTRATING ITS SOLIDARITY WITH SOCIALIST CAMP.
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